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**UTILITY
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 039US1*First Inventor* Patrick Miles*Title* Surgical Access System*Express Mail Label No.* ER310993644US**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 41]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 18]
- Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 385)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	
			-3** =	X	

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor	<i>PATRICK MILES</i>
	Title	<i>SURGICAL ACCESS SYSTEM AND RELATED METHODS</i>
	Attorney Docket Number	<i>039US1</i>

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

1-16-04

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